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Dear Sir:

The United States patents cited in the attached PTO Form 1449 will be reviewed below and copies of these documents are enclosed.

1. **U.S. Patent No. 4,140,109** is directed to a probe for insertion in healthy tissue adjacent a tumor undergoing a cryogenic procedure to correlate the impedance sensed with the temperature of the healthy tissue.

2. **U.S. Patent No. 6,066,139** discloses use of a temperature sensor disposed intermediate two electrodes for controlling the output of an RF generator and regulate lesions formed by RF radiation from the electrodes.

3. **U.S. Patent No. 6,112,123** discloses the use of RF energy to ablate tissue the impedance of which tissue is monitored to terminate ablation when the impedance of the tissue reaches a certain absolute or relative impedance.

4. **U.S. Patent No. 6,123,702** discloses use of an impedance signal to determine contact or lack of contact between an RF irradiating probe and tissue.

5. **U.S. Patent No. 6,217,574** discloses a split tip electrode for applying RF energy to a tissue site and means are provided for measuring the electrical impedance between each electrode and a reference electrode to determine which electrode is in contact with the tissue and thereafter RF energy is emitted from such electrode.

Respectfully submitted,

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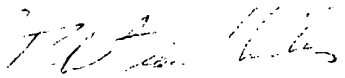

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